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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5562

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 780

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TAGS: PFOR, UR, CH

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT SOVIET EMBASSY PEKING

REF: PEKING 776

1. SECOND-HAND STORIES CIRCULATING IN PEKING SOURCED TO MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET MISSION SUGGEST THEY BELIEVE CAUSE OF APRIL 29 EXPLOSION AT SOVIET EMBASSY MAY HAVE BEEN BOMB CARRIED BY ONE OR MORE CHINESE. AN INDIAN DIPLOMAT SAID SOVIET OFFICIAL TOLD HIM THIS MORNING THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT ACTUALLY SEE THE EXPLOSION, BUT THAT AFTER THE SMOKE HAD CLEARED THEY SAW THE TWO DEAD PLA SOLDIERS AND AN INJURED THIRD CHINESE. PIECES OF DEBRIS FROM THE EXPLOSION WERE SAID TO BE FOUND AS FAR AS 150 YARDS AWAY. OTHER UNCONFIRMED RUMORS HAVE SEVERAL CHINESE CIVILIANS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. IMPACT OF EXPLOSION WAS CONFIRMED BY REUTERS CORRESPONDENT WHO REVISED UPWARD HIS ESTIMATE OF SIZE OF EXPLOSION AFTER REVISITING SOVIET COMPOUND AROUND NOON.

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2. SOVIETS HAVE AVOIDED TALKING WITH US OR OTHER WESTERN
DIPLOMATS ON INCIDENT AND CHINESE CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM
COMMENTING. THAYER

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